

Ctg police asked to arrest top criminals

BSS, Ctg

Chittagong police have been asked to nab nine "top criminals" for their involvement in killing, abduction and extortion in the port city.

They all are fugitives, police said.

The nine listed criminals are: BDR Selim, who was accused in nine cases, Nasir alias Gittu Nasir, accused in three arms and murder cases, Habib Khan, accused in two murder cases, Sunil Dey, accused in 10 cases, Chandan Biswas, accused in nine cases, Abdul Quddus alias Kana Quddus, accused in seven cases, Mofizur Rahman Dul, accused in seven cases, Shafiqul Islam Shafi, accused in 12 cases and Fazal Haque, accused in 18 cases.

Police sources said two more listed top criminals, Moshred Khan and Iqbal, were granted bail.

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, who is also

minister in-charge of Chittagong district, told BSS that police had been asked to prepare a new list of criminals and arrest the listed criminals without considering their party affiliations.

He said the decision was taken at review meetings of the district law and order committee of Chittagong on July 31 and August 1.

Khosru said steps were underway to monitor police activities and none would be spared for any negligence to duty. He said police had been given a clear direction to arrest the criminals in 12 thanas of Chittagong city ignoring request or pressure from any quarter.

About the "criminals" who have been bailed out, the commerce minister said their activities and cases were being reviewed.

Chittagong Police Commissioner Shahidullah Khan said all out efforts were being made to apprehend the absconding criminals.

Save 17 pc of Bangladesh by planting trees

Minister urges students

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday said 17 per cent of the country might be submerged in the sea, if 20 per cent of the total territory could not be covered with trees by 2015.

Inaugurating a tree plantation programme on Jahangirnagar University campus at Savar, he called upon students to take part in the national tree plantation movement to save the country from natural disasters.

To cover 20 per cent area of the country with trees by 2015 is a huge job and it is not possible to achieve the goal only through the government efforts, Shahjahan Siraj said and urged the students to share the responsibility of that task.

Referring to the adverse effects of Farakka Barrage, he said there was a possibility that the northern region of Bangladesh would turn into a desert and the southern region might go under salty water, if the Farakka problem cannot be solved.

The minister said the government's policies on environment were benefiting indigenous industry and the common people.

The ban on polythene shopping

bags had given rise to the use of jute products, rejuvenating the indigenous industry, he said.

Shahjahan Siraj said the Prime Minister's emphasis on herbal and medicinal plants was also aimed at boosting the indigenous treatment system.

Presided over by Prof Syed Shaiful, chairman of JU Campus Committee, the function was also addressed by JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmed, Treasurer Prof ABM Endad Hossain, Prof Mezbahul Salehin of Geography and Environment Department, and JU Teachers Association President Prof Amrin Mohammad Ali.

Later, the minister planted a fruit-giving sapling at Bismile on the campus.

DU probe body starts work

BSS, Dhaka

The reconstituted inquiry committee of Dhaka University (DU) started its investigation yesterday into the Shamsunnahar Hall incident.

The DU syndicate reconstituted the committee on August 3 with its Treasurer Prof Syed Rashedul Hasan as convenor, and Prof ABM Mahmud and Prof Mohammad Hasanuzzaman as new members.

The committee members led by the convenor visited the hall yesterday afternoon, while Provost of the Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall and member of the committee Prof Nasrin Ahmed, Senate Member ABM Mahmud and other committee members were present during the visit. Later, the committee members held a meeting.

Khokan's detention

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detention should not be declared illegal.

Barrister M Amirul Islam, advocate Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Manzil Moshid and Jahangir Hossain appeared on behalf of the petitioner, while Additional Attorney General Abdur Razzak Khan stood for the state.

Maid drugs employer

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